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In re Application of : John CRESCENTI et al.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to March 29, 2004 is hereby requested to respond to the Office Action dated October 29, 2003. A check for \$475.00 is enclosed for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,

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